



Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025

1:00 PM

Virtual

Meeting Link: meet.google.com/vqs-avzw-pbq Phone: 1 785-422-7977

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Members Present: John Foster, Jeff Phillips, Jenny Trent, Joe Bolick, and Caley Parrish

Absent: Karmin McShane, Jeff Bradley, Joe Mayne, and Abe Sandquist

Guests: Zach Hornung and Theresa Stiner

Chairman Foster called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Foster conducted a roll call. All votes are unanimous unless noted.

Phillips moved to approve the agenda, which Trent seconded. Motion carried.

Trent moved to approve the meeting minutes of March,13,2025, seconded by Parish. Motion carried.

Chapter Director's Report: Trent reported that a modified charter agreement will be considered at the USCC's June meeting in Washington, D.C., where the Council will work on its strategic plan and meet legislators.

Iowa DNR Report: Stiner updated the EO 10 update, and the draft composting rules are on the EO 10 website.

IRA Report: Bolick reported that IRA will transition from Star Chapter to Brink by the end of June. Discussion ensued regarding registration for the June training event. A third-party registration was discussed. Bolick will follow up in the next week or two on available options.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee Report: No report was provided.

Programs and Training Committee Report: Phillips reported that the committee is working on the training course and that DNR has approved the outline for CEUs. He noted that more volunteers are needed. He asked the Council whether we would reimburse mileage to secure training support. Discussion ensued, with the consensus that we would not pay mileage to trainers. Discussion ensued with Bolick committing to cover the printing and Parish for lunch. Hornung will look into a networking event location and coordinate the food and beverages. Advertising will need to go out at the end of April.

Advocacy Committee Report: No report was provided.

Communications and Marketing Committee Report: Bolick reported that Foster tabled at the Sustainable Cities Conference in Dubuque last week for the IACC, and it was a low turnout. Over 25 contacts were made regarding membership.

Organizational Development Committee: Foster reported that the Council nomination form is complete and live. A call for nominations will go out with this month's newsletter, and he will email the membership in May. The ballot must be completed for Council approval at the June Council meeting.

Finance Committee: Parrish reported the fund balance of \$18,355.12. Discussion ensued, noting that financial reports are not transparent.

Old Business: Compost operator training was discussed during the committee report.

New Business: None

Other: Foster apologized for the miscommunication regarding the April meeting. The May meeting is set to be held in Decorah, followed by a tour of Petticord and a meeting in Des Moines later this summer. The next Chairperson will address this.

Adjourn: Phillips motioned to adjourn due to a lack of further business at 2:15 pm; seconded by Mayne. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, Decorah City Hall, at 10:00 am, May 8th, 2025

Respectively submitted, John A. Foster, Chairperson